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## Venezuelan Official is Guest of State Department

The Chief of Venezuelan National Security, Don Pedro Estrada, made a short tour of the United States last month, at the invitation of the Department of State.

In Washington, where he arrived November 15, he met again many of the old acquaintances he made while he was attaché to the Venezuelan Embassy for three years, up to mid-1951.

Sr. Estrada used his time well during his visit in this country, to get acquainted with the latest developments in crime detection. Upon arrival in New York, he toured the Police Department in that city, and in Washington had talks with Mr. Allen W. Dulles, Director of the Central Intelligence Agency of the U. S. Government, and with Lt. Gen. C. P. Cabell, Deputy Director of the same organization. He also called on Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"I have a wonderful impression of everything I have seen—said Don Pedro.

"I was very much impressed after my talks with the high officials I have known and with whom I talked. I think this visit will serve the purpose of creating a spirit of more intimate understanding and co-operation between the security services of the United States and Venezuela".

The Venezuelan National Security has won a remarkable record under Sr. Estrada, in solving some daring crimes and in fighting Communism in Venezuela. It is said in Venezuela that no crime tackled by the National Security remains unsolved for long.

In connection with the fight against Communism, Sr. Estrada stated:

"I have been fighting Communism since 1936, and never have we met with such a success as in recent years,

under the leadership of President Marcos Pérez Jiménez, due to his vision, statesmanship and decision.

"Communist activities in Venezuela—he continued—closely affect the United States and all the Western Hemisphere, because our great resources of strategic materials have been, are, and always will be, the main objective of subversive activities.

Secretary of State Dulles received Sr. Estrada as a special visitor, and Assistant Secretary of State Holland did likewise.

During his three-day stay in Washington, the Venezuelan Security Chief was the guest of honor at various festivities. On November 15, Venezuelan Ambassador and Mrs. González gave a reception for him. Among the 200 guests attending, were officials of the Department of State and U. S. Government security organizations, ambassadors of Latin American countries, and old friends of Sr. Estrada.

Next day, the Assistant Secretary of State for Latin American Affairs, Mr. Henry F. Holland, offered a luncheon in his honor at the Hotel Mayflower. In the evening, Sr. Estrada was the guest of honor at a reception held at the home of the Venezuelan Representative to the Organization of American States, Ambassador Tito Gutiérrez Alfaro.

An intimate luncheon was given also to Sr. Estrada by Gen. Cabell, of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Still wishing to learn more, Sr. Estrada, before returning to Venezuela, spent several days studying the police training school at Kellogg Center, Michigan State College, East Lansing, Mich.

**EMBASSY MEETING.** Guest and hosts meet at the Venezuelan Embassy reception for Señor Pedro Estrada, Director of Venezuelan National Security. Left to right: Lt. Gen. C. P. Cabell, Deputy Director of U. S. Central Intelligence; Mr. Henry F. Holland, Assistant Secretary of State for Latin American Affairs; and Señor Estrada.

